(a) whether LPG cylinder is sold at different rates in different cities, particularly in Bombay and Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any proposal to fix uniform price for LPG cylinders at all places;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (e) while the price of LPG is uniform ex-storage point, the retail price of a cylinder varies on account of difference in freight, local levies etc.

Conference on Tourism Promotion

4657. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any conferences for promoting tourism scheduled to be held in India during 1990 and 1990-91 (January-June) were cancelled/postponed; and

(b) if so, the details and the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Under the aegis of World Tourism Organisation, the Department of Tourism was to host the International Conference on Youth Tourism in New Delhi from January 28-31, 1991. However, due to the war in the Gulf Region and on the advice of WTO, the Department had to postpone the Conference.

Examination of Engines of Planes purchased by Air India

4658. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state the details of steps taken to examine the engines of the planes purchased by the Air India?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): Government has constituted a Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. V. S. Arunachalam, Scientific Adviser to Defence Minister and Secretary, Department of Defence Research and Development, Ministry of Defence to review and report on the selection of engines for the Boeing 747-400 aircraft being purchased by Air India.

Coaching Complex at Nagercoil

4659. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide a coaching complex of the Railways at Nagercoil on Southern Railway; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

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Bio-Gas Plants in Uttar Pradesh

4660. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state: